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## PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

### UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

*Sanitary conditions in Oakland and San Francisco, Cal.—Infectious diseases in refugee camps and unburned districts.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue reports, May 25, as follows:

The camps have been concentrated under the direction of the Army Medical Service and now number 14 in all. From the date of the earthquake to May 24 there were 60 cases of typhoid fever and 96 cases of smallpox among the refugees in the various camps.

In the unburned portion of the city, during the same period, there were cases as follows: Scarlet fever, 25; diphtheria, 25; measles, 165; tuberculosis, 60; pertussis, 15; parotitis, 8; varicella, 5; typhoid fever, 23; and smallpox, 51. Smallpox and typhoid fever are well under control, and I am informed by the health officer for San Francisco that no apprehension need be entertained for the health of the people under the present improved conditions. With the increased water supply and repairs to the sewers the latrines and kitchens have been made sanitary in most places.

In Oakland conditions are much better than during the first week after the disaster. The quick action of the health authorities, backed by the military authority, the concentration of camps and providing them with all sanitary conveniences, have averted what promised to be a smallpox epidemic. Seven cases of typhoid fever and less than 25 of smallpox have occurred in the city since April 18.

Point Adams Camp has now 1,500 inmates. The addition of shower and tub baths and soup kitchens, some of which have been screened against the ingress of flies, make this camp a model in every respect.

The Hearst Camp, which accommodates about 700 refugees, has also proper sanitary appliances and sewer connections.

*Report from San Diego quarantine, Cal.—Smallpox at Roseville.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon McKay reports, May 24, as follows:

There is 1 case of smallpox at Roseville, a small village situated about 1 mile north of the quarantine station on the bay shore and within the city limits of San Diego.

As near as I can obtain a history of the case, the patient, a resident of Roseville, visited San Francisco after the earthquake and fire, was absent from his home about ten days and was taken ill with premonitory symptoms of smallpox soon after his return. He believes that he has been vaccinated as many as 3 times, but vaccinations must have